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NEW UNION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who supported me in the election and also those who voted for all the other candidates.

I wish to thank Dick Wareham for his fine work and dedication to the union while he served as our president. He is to be complimented on a job well done.

It is with deep concern as I assume the task of Union President, the lack of interest and attendance by the membership to the union meetings. Your union is no stronger than the members. We should and must have a better turnout at all of our meetings.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Please plan to attend the meeting this month and meet your newly elected officers.

Help turn on a brighter union light, attend the meetings on the third Tuesday night.

Thank you,

Art Michelcic
Local 971

BEEP GAINS MOMENTUM

There's been a lot of activity observed behind Buildings 4 and 5 in what would appear to be your typical, Middle-American home. This location is the launching pad for the Boulder Environmental Enrichment Project funded by Title I and staffed by part of the Behavior Modification Department.

This project was initiated on October 24th with the gathering of much needed baseline data. On the 5th of November actual programming was scheduled to begin.

The morning sessions are with 8 patients representing the average independent level under the age of 21. Training is offered in self-help skills and speech therapy.

The afternoon sessions are directed to 10 highly functional who have a chance of being placed outside the institution. Needed skills include table manners, time telling, money counting, speech therapy, crafts, and use of clothes washers and driers.

An additional benefit of this project is to discover documented evidence on the effect enriching one's environment has on the behavior of the Mentally Retarded. All too often the casual observer can see a number of residents in the day halls of any of the aging cottages, lacking stimulation. Bare walls and floors with the echoing footsteps and voices is the usual scene in such places. If the environment is changed to a room with music, toys and murals on the walls, what changes will occur in the retardate's behavior?

BRS&H REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL REGION IV AAMD MEETING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WORKSHOP

On October 22, 23 and 24 in Denver, Colorado, a workshop concerned with Developmental Disabilities was presented for all members of the American Association for Mental Deficiency Region IV of which Montana is a part. Representing BRS&H were Mr. Keith McCarty, Acting Superintendent, Jim Whealon, and Sanford Hostetter. Other participants from Montana included Mr. Jerry Butcher, Dr. John Dodd, Mr. Joey Littleman, and Dr. Dorthia Quaid.

On the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the AAMD Region IV conference was held. Mr. John Dodd was the outgoing president of Region IV, replaced by the newly elected Howard Rosen. Mr. Tim Chavez was elected as Region IV representative at the National AAMD conference replacing Mr. Robert M. Perry.

Bernard Fosner told the Fifth International Congress on Mental Retardation yesterday how he posed as a mentally retarded person and went looking for work at a western city in the United States.

I wanted to see what type of attitudes I'd find," said the deputy executive secretary of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. "In two days I visited 14 employers and I have never had such a dehumanizing experience in my life.

He was accompanied by a vocational rehabilitation counsellor and only one person they met spoke to him directly. "The others spoke about me in my presence," he said. "I felt my personality slipping away. We'd come to a door and I'd wait for the counsellor to open the door."

When the counsellor explained to the personnel director of a cement block manufacturing firm that he'd come from an institution for the retarded, the latter looked him up and down and then asked the counsellor how old he was and whether he got along with others.

When he held out his hand to the personnel manager of a laundry, this man ignored him and refused to shake hands, turning to the counsellor and saying; "look, I just hired two like him -- I can't take any more; they need too much supervision."

In a sheltered workshop a gushy young woman of 25 immediately called him by his first name. "Bernie, would you like to try wood-working? We must be careful around power tools, musn't we?"

I never had a chance to establish myself as me," Mr. Fosner said. "People didn't see me; they saw my tag, Retardate."

BY Kathleen Rex,
Globe & Mail Reporter
Montreal

GOOD EMPLOYEES, GOOD NEIGHBORS, GOOD CITIZENS

Most Americans think the mentally retarded can be good employees, good neighbors, good friends and good citizens, if given the chance, according to a national opinion poll by Dr. Henry Gottwald of Eastern Michigan University. Here's how a sampling of 1,515 Americans across the USA rated the retarded:

	<u>All or most</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Just a few</u>
Good employees	31%	42%	18%
Good neighbors	48%	31%	12%
Good friends	44%	32%	14%
Good citizens	49%	28%	12%

The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped,
Washington, D.C. 20210

BOOK EXPLORES ECONOMIC MYTHS

Some stereotypes about mentally retarded people are shattered in a new book, "The Economics of Mental Retardation." The author, Dr. Ronald W. Conley, began work on his manuscript under the auspices of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. He is now with Rehabilitation Services Administration, HEW. A few highlights that deserve to be more widely known are:

An estimated 87% of mildly retarded adult males are employed, a rate only 4 percentage points below that of males in the general population.

A mildly retarded male who entered the work force at age 18 in 1970 could expect lifetime earnings of over \$600,000.

Each dollar expended on vocational rehabilitation of 18-year-old mildly retarded adult male generates an estimated increase in future earnings of \$14.00.

Custodial costs of life-time institutionalization of a retarded person are almost \$400,000. Institutionalization often can be avoided by extending additional community services.

For each case of severe retardation among males that is averted, the undiscounted total gain to society is almost \$900,000.

An estimated 690,000 retarded adults are economically idle. Of these, about 400,000 could be gainfully employed if appropriate services were made available.

The book is published by The John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, Maryland.

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BIRTHDAY SALUTES

Anita Burroughs	11-1	Scorpio
Judith Gillespie	11-3	Scorpio
Pat Manley	11-4	Scorpio
Rhoda Donnell	11-5	Scorpio
Valerie Boydston	11-6	Scorpio
Leon Gulbro	11-6	Scorpio
Jane Anderson	11-8	Scorpio
Beverly Ann Ford	11-8	Scorpio
Ann Grigsby	11-8	Scorpio
Gary Rudolph	11-9	Scorpio
Shelly Peters	11-10	Scorpio
Douglas M. Booker	11-9	Scorpio
Jim Powell	11-12	Scorpio
Arthur Michelcic	11-12	Scorpio
Velma McElravy	11-13	Scorpio
Bertha Lux	11-15	Scorpio
David Hennen	11-15	Scorpio
Mary E. Fowler	11-16	Scorpio
Ruby Doney	11-16	Scorpio
Sandra Chaffin	11-16	Scorpio
Jeff Broderick	11-16	Scorpio
Ann Avery	11-17	Scorpio
Judy Anderson	11-18	Scorpio
Carol Tuszynski	11-20	Scorpio
Barbara Scott	11-20	Scorpio
Patty J. Witt	11-20	Scorpio
Teresa Godfrey	11-21	Scorpio
Dean Grenz	11-21	Scorpio
Katherine Gill	11-22	Sagittarius
Helen Munson	11-23	Sagittarius
Lauri McGreevy	11-26	Sagittarius
Jeff Hansen	11-28	Sagittarius
Rebecca Gibson	11-30	Sagittarius
Ruth Fadness	11-30	Sagittarius
Norma Anderson	11-30	Sagittarius

SAFETY MESSAGE

A local chapter of SAFETY BUG CLUB is being formed at BRS&H, thanks to the unknown person who sent me a membership card. The following are the promises of the SAFETY BUG CLUB:

I PROMISE TO "BUG" MYSELF TO:

- *Sit with safety belt fastened -- never stand while car is moving;

- *Keep from blocking the driver's view or bothering the driver in any way;

- *Stay inside the car while it's moving -- head, hands, all of me-- and never put anything out the window;

- *Cross at the corner or crosswalk and never run into the street from between parked cars;

I PROMISE TO "BUG" EVERYBODY TO:

- *Buckle up safety belts before the car starts -- always!

- *Lock all car doors when we get in to help keep us safe;

- *Lock all car doors after we get out to keep the car safe;

- *Always get out on the sidewalk side.

Anyone interested in joining this new club please send their name to Mr. Gillespie, Safety Officer and membership cards will be printed.

PERFORMANCE FACTOR	OUT- STANDING	HIGH SATISFACTORY	SATISFACTORY	LOW SATISFACTORY	UNSATIS- FACTORY
QUALITY	Leaps Tall Buildings With Single Bound	Needs Running Start To Jump Tall Buildings	Can Only Leap Small Buildings	Crashes Into Buildings	Cannot Recognize Buildings
TIMELINESS	Is Faster Than A Speeding Bullet	Only As Fast As A Speeding Bullet	Somewhat Slower Than A Bullet	Can Only Shoot Bullets	Wounds Self With Bullets
INITIATIVE	Is Stronger Than A Locomotive	Is Stronger Than A Bull Elephant	Is Stronger Than A Bull	Shoots The Bull	Smells Like A Bull
ADAPTABILITY	Walks On Water Consistently	Walks On Water In Emergencies	Washes With Water	Drinks Water	Passes Water In Emergencies
COMMUNI- CATION	Talks With God	Talks With the Angels	Talks To Himself	Argues With Himself	Loses Those Arguments
RELATIONSHIP	Belongs In General Management	Belongs In Executive Ranks	Belongs in Rank and File	Belongs Behind A Broom	Belongs With Competitor

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO

There will be no burning on the State Grounds of any material. All garbage will be picked up and delivered to the landfill dump.

WELCOME NEW PERSONNEL

David E. Anderson
Kenneth Brown
Alfred Estrada
John Ghormley
Catherine Kidder
Eugene Kidder
Elise Mazzola
Laurie McGreevy
Beverly Jeane Muse
Nels Sanddal
Frank Schultz
Lynn Sieverts
Robert Stephens
Marion Thompson
Veva Trusty
James Violette
Eugene Wagner
Barbara Booth
Jean Day
Gladys Frank
Richard Gallagher
Leon Gulbro
Leroy Kemp
Christine Lamb
Joseph Lewellyn
Mary Ann Rybacki
Thompson Seekins
Thelma Williams
Ruth Yarbrough

Laundry Worker I
Behavior Modification Specialist
Custodial Worker I
Housekeeping Attendant Trainee
Attendant Counselor I Trainee
Attendant Counselor I Trainee
Attendant Counselor I Trainee
Clerk
Registered Nurse
Cook I
Food Service Worker
Physical Therapy Aide
Housekeeping Attendant Trainee
Psychologist
Cook I (Part time)
Attendant Counselor I
Housekeeping Attendant Trainee
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Attendant Counselor I
Housekeeping Attendant
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Carpenter
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Behavior Modification Specialist
Attendant Counselor Trainee
Attendant Counselor Trainee

LEGISLATOR VISITS BRS&H

By now most of the the employees have no doubt heard of our visits from the State Capitol, Representative John Murphy. Mr. Murphy has taken a personal interest in the problems prevalent with this institution and desires to help out as best he can in finding possible answers . . . answers, it appears that must come from higher administrative realms than at BRS&H.

Mr. Murphy was accompanied by two consultants, Bob Gibson -- Managing Editor of the Montana Kiamin, and Chuck Brook -- Graduate Assistant in Political Science.

Also accompanying this group on last Wednesday, was the MTN news association who filmed about one hour's worth of informative scenes to be shown on the network at a desirable time.

With all this publicity and offers to aid BRS&H in solving age old problems, it is hoped that very beneficial results will be forthcoming. The editor has taken advantage of offered aid in several areas to be announced at a later date.

RECREATION

The Halloween Ball was a huge success despite the absence of the programmed orchestra due to the blizzard condition which beset BRS&H and its surrounding area. Trick or Treating among the cottages was the prefunction. The Non-Ambulatory patients also had a party in the afternoon.

Mr. Brent Rost is a welcome new member of the Recreation Staff and operates in the realm of Unit IV.

Mr. George Wiley Chance has spread out. Mr. Chance's recreation program for the blind patients has expanded to the cottage level where he is giving inservice training of Attendant Counsellors on proper procedures in helping a patient ambulate about on the grounds.

The Recreation program in the Non Ambulatory Unit has been revamped. The first 20 patients will complete baseline testing and will soon start their training in gross motor skills, socialization, sensory programs, and muscular coordination.

LIBRARY NOTE

The Billings Gazette and the Great Falls Tribune are arriving at the library on a regular basis. The State Prison at Deer Lodge now supplies our library with the following newspapers.

The Christian Science Monitor
The Hungry Horse News
The Glasgow Courier
The Weekend Star (Miles City)
The Harlem News
The Daily Interlake (Kalispell)
Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Livingston Enterprise
The Herold News
Tobacco Valley News (Eureka)
The Ranger - Review (Glendive)
The Glacier Reporter
The Forsyth Independent
The Ronan Pioneer
Seattle Post - Intelligence

INSERVICE TRAINING NEWS

We feel that a heavy congratulations should be extended to the following people for a job well done during their training period:

Leroy Kemp - Unit IV
Gary Yungheim - Unit IV
Barbara Booth - Unit VI
Jean Day - Unit III
Christine Lamb - Unit II
Mary Ann Rybacki - Unit VI

VALIER CHAPTER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SOLID SUPPORTERS OF BRS&H

On Tuesday, October 9th, the Valier Chapter of the National Honor Society presented BRS&H with a check for \$741. Miss Anita Widhalm, President of the Valier Chapter presented the check to Mr. Keith McCarty, Acting Superintendent of BRS&H. These monies were raised during the Chapter's annual fund drive for the State Institution which generally amounted to \$100. This year the annual talent show was replaced by a local hike for the retarded on last May 6th.

Our of this Northwestern town of approximately 720 people, sponsors volunteered financial donations for each mile hiked. Approximately 21 hikers, 10 to 50 years of age, hoofed their 17 miles while citizens of the community turned out to boost the hiker's morale with food and drink. In less than six hours the first hiker, a 7th grader, completed the hike.

The monies donated to BRS&H are to be utilized for the residents who come from Region II in Montana, of which Valier is a part.

The following article was taken from the MOVE (Montana Organization for Volunteer Efforts) Newsletter.

ANYTIME YOU FEEL LIKE QUITTING

throughout your career, perhaps you'll remember this story of one of our people:

He failed in business in '31.

He ran as a state legislator and lost in '32.

He tried business again in '33 and failed again.

His sweetheart died in '35.

He had a nervous breakdown in '36.

He ran for state elector in '40 after he regained his health.

He was defeated for Congress in '43, defeated again for Congress in '48, defeated when he ran for the Senate in '55, and defeated for vice president of the United States in '56.

He ran for the Senate again in '58 and lost.

This man never quit.

He kept on trying till the last.

In 1860, this man, Abraham Lincoln was elected President the United States.

HISTORICAL NOTE

When one follows the evolution of BRS&H since its establishment back in 1893 in a small, wood framed building in downtown Boulder, he might also observe the evolution of Montana's thinking on the Mentally Retarded. A very good indicator of this evolution of social thought is simply the continuous revisions of this Institution's formal name. In 1893 this was known as the Montana Deaf and Dumb Asylum, but in 1902 the name was changed to the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Eight years later in 1910 the name again was revised to the Montana Schools for the Deaf, Blind and Backward Children. In 1928 this Institution was renamed the Montana State Training for Deaf, Blind and Feeble-minded. In 1937 the Deaf and Blind School moved to Great Falls but the Institution's name was not changed to Boulder River School and Hospital until 1967.

In following articles, we will observe changes in the Institution since its establishment back in 1893.

NEWS FROM THE STEW POT

Since the 1st of October, we have experienced 14 separations and 10 additions. The present patient population is 604. One year ago this time, the patient population stood at 646.

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The major goal of this publication is to provide information to the staff and all interested parties concerning the news and revisions at our institution. Here is an opportunity for you to express your opinions....Why not take advantage?

